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FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6132

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

S E C R E T AMMAN 8738

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: CVIS JO ASEC

SUBJECT: VISA ISSUANCE TO POSSIBLE HIGHJACKER

REF (A) STATE 268412 (B) AMMAN 8726

1. JORDANIAN GID PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
ON ABDEL-ELAH SAID MALHAS: "IN 1969 HE ATTEMPTED TO SMUGGLE  
AMMUNITION AND WEAPONS INTO GREECE FOR AN OPERATION AGAINST AN  
OLYMPIC AIRLINES ACFT, IN ORDER TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THREE  
ARAB TERRORISTS BEING HELD IN GREECE FOR HAVING UNDERTAKEN  
AN OPERATION AN EL AL AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY.

2. " IN 1970 HE WAS IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE POPULAR STRUGGLE  
FRONT IN AMMAN AND PARTICIPATED WITH THE FEDAYEEN IN CONFLICT AGAINST  
THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HERE. IN 1971 HE PARTICIPATED IN THE KIDNAPPING  
OF A JORDANIAN IN BEIRUT FROM THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL. AT THAT TIME HE  
WAS A STUDENT AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN BEIRUT. HE WAS  
IMPROISONED IN JORDAN IN 1970 FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH, INTERROGATED  
AND RELEASED".

3. CONSOFF TELEPHONED MALHAS HOME THIS MORNING AND WAS TOLD  
HE STILL IN BEIRUT BUT HE SHOULD RETURN NOVEMBER 13 OR 14. WORD  
WAS LEFT WITH HIS TWIN SISTER THAT ABDEL ELAH SHOULD COME TO THE  
EMBASSY ON HIS RETURN TO JORDAN TO DISCUSS A MATTER RELATED  
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TO HIS VISA. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE HE WILL COME IN VOLUNTARILY

CONSOFF WILL REMAIN IN TOUCH WITH FAMILY TO INSURE HE DOES NOT RETURN TO JORDAN AND LEAVE AGAIN WITH HIS SISTER FOR THE USA WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE.

4. GID INFO APPEARS MAKE MALHAS INELIGIBLE UNDER 212(A)(28)  
(F) ON BASIS THIS INFO WE INTEND QUESTION MALHAS ABOUT HIS PART IN THESE ACTIVITIES AND WILL CANCEL VISA. GID INFO PLUS WHAT HE TOLD DR HUBBARD MAKE IT VERY UNLIKELY THIS CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY. ANY INFO DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO DEVELOP WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE HERE BEFORE WE SEE MALHAS.

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